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studies, a more comprehensive scheme has been drawn up for implementation during the second plan period. The work provided for in the next year's budget by way of anti-sea erosion measures is the construction of sea walls between Pattanom and Thuthur, and at Kollencode and Pachalloor in the Trivandrum District, between Thirumullavarom and Neendakara and at Ponmana, etc., in the Quilon District and at Cranganur, Elankunnapuzha, Nayarambalom, etc., in the Trichur District.

FLOOD CONTROL.

13. On account of the flood discharge of rivers, the low lying areas in the State are submerged in the rainy season. To start with, a scheme of flood control in respect of Karamana and Killiyar rivers and at Thottappally area has been drawn up and necessary provision is made for undertaking it during 1956-57.

POWER PROGRAMME.

14. The development programmes of the Department of Electricity have shown marked progress during the year 1955-56. The erection of the 4th Generating set at Poringalkuthu, the commencement of the preliminary work connected with the Panniyar and Sholayar hydro-electric schemes and the execution of the Neriamangalam Scheme are the important new activities undertaken this year. The various schemes taken up during the First Five Year Plan except these four new ones are expected to be completed by the end of this year. The Commissioning of the Shengulam Generating set enabled us to tide over the shortage of current which was being experienced during the summer months in successive years. Utmost priority is being given to works relating to Rural Electrification, with a view to extend the benefits of electricity to both urban and rural people alike and to pave the way for setting up of cottage and small scale industries. Against the target of 800 new centres proposed under the First Five Year Plan, 675 centres have been electrified and work in 150 centres is in progress. These are expected to be completed before the end of this financial year, thus exceeding the target by 25 new centres. Government have also sanctioned the electrification of 220 additional new centres and works on these are being taken up. The target of the number of consumers has also been exceeded. By the end of this financial year, electricity will be available

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